

SENATE RESOLUTION 20  
By Williams

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Gertrude Grubb  
Janeway of Grainger County.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Gertrude Grubb Janeway, the last-known widow of a Union soldier from the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, in 1927, young Gertie Grubb married Civil War soldier, John Janeway, in the middle of a dirt road; she was eighteen, and he was eighty-one; and

WHEREAS, several years after their wedding, the Janeways purchased a cabin by the side of a road that they had long admired; she was twenty-three when she moved into the cabin, and she died in that same cabin seventy years later; and

WHEREAS, there was no electricity in the cabin until just a few years ago, but Gertrude Janeway never stopped cooking on her wood-burning stove as long as she was able to make cornbread, one of her favorite foods; and

WHEREAS, Gertie and John Janeway lived together for ten years, until he died in 1937 at the age of ninety-one; and

WHEREAS, after she buried her husband at New Corinth Baptist Church Cemetery, Mrs. Janeway struggled with the government for years to provide a grave marker for Mr. Janeway's

grave; she finally prevailed, and now a marker denotes the final resting place of her beloved Civil War hero; and

WHEREAS, Gertrude Grubb Janeway never married again, remaining, instead, faithful to the memory of her adored husband; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to her family, Gertrude Janeway always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Janeway leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we honor the memory of Gertrude Grubb Janeway, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character, her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and the prominent position she occupied in American history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mrs. Janeway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.